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FACT SHEET

AMENDMENTS TO REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE TOXIC AIR EMISSIONS FROM RUBBER TIRE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

TODAY'S ACTION

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today issuing technical corrections to the Rubber Tire Manufacturing standards by making minor technical and editorial corrections to the definition of “cements and solvents” and the definition of a term used in a compliance determination equation.
- ! Today’s technical corrections are in response to both EPA’s internal review of the final rule and in response to similar comments made by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) upon publication of the final rule.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS? AND COSTS

- ! No emission changes are associated with these technical corrections. However, these corrections will ensure that the intent of the rule is clear and consistent.
- ! There are no costs associated with this amendment.

BACKGROUND

- ! Under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to regulate sources of 188 listed toxic air pollutants (also known as air toxics). On July 16, 1992, EPA published a list of industry groups (known as source categories) that emit one or more of these air toxics. For listed categories of "major" sources (those that emit 10 tons/year or more of a listed pollutant or 25 tons/year or more of a combination of listed pollutants), the Clean Air Act requires EPA to develop standards that require the application of maximum achievable control technologies to control emissions.
- ! On July 9, 2002, EPA promulgated the Rubber Tire Manufacturing rule that included standards for four specific source subcategories (i.e., tire production, tire cord production, puncture sealant, and rubber processing).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- ! Interested parties can download the technical corrections from EPA's web site on the Internet under "recent actions" at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg>. For further information contact the following person at EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards for the Rubber Tire Manufacturing source category: Mr. Anthony P. Wayne at (919) 541-5439.

- ! EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's homepage on the Internet contains a wide range of information on the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution programs and issues. The Office of Air and Radiation's home page address is: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/>.